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NH CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION PUSHES FOR OLD MAN IN THE MOUNTAIN COMMEMORATIVE STAMP RELEASE

WASHINGTON— U.S. Senators Judd Gregg and John Sununu and Congressman Jeb Bradley yesterday joined forces in a letter to U.S. Postmaster General John Potter voicing their support for the reissue of a postal stamp honoring the Old Man in the Mountain.

Senator Gregg stated, “The Old Man in the Mountain gave us identity and definition as a state. A reissuing of the commemorative stamp would honor the loss of New Hampshire’s long time symbol and friend.

“The Old Man of the Mountain - a member of New Hampshire’s family and protector of the ‘Live Free or Die’ spirit - inspired many from our state and beyond. It is only fitting that he be memorialized through the reissuing of a U.S. postage stamp,” said Senator John Sununu.

Congressman Bradley commented, “The Old Man of the Mountain truly represented New Hampshire's spirit of unyielding independence. The reissuing of this stamp is a perfect way to honor our oldest, most resilient resident.”

The joint letter stated, “We are writing regarding the recent loss of New Hampshire’s beloved state symbol and landmark, the Old Man of the Mountain. This naturally carved stone profile embodied many of the qualities we in the Granite State value and strive for in our own characters—strength, durability, perseverance, and rugged independence.

“Earlier this month, nature once again demonstrated her ultimate power, releasing ‘The Great Stone Face’ from its lofty peak on Cannon Mountain. With fond remembrance, we request that the U.S. Postal Service re-issue the Old Man of the Mountain NH Statehood Stamp. Your agency issued the stamp in 1988 as part of the ratification of the Constitution and the Original Thirteen Colonies State Series.”

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